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SUBJECT: ACADEMICS DETAINED IN ZAMBIA

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1) DEPT. HAS RECEIVED INQUIRIES FROM PROF. ROBERT SEIDMAN, RETIRED FSO FRANCIS MURPHY AND PROF. DAVID WILEY, RE STATUS OF US CIT WIVES AND CHILDREN OF LONGHI AND CLIFFE AND PROSPECTS FOR EARLY RELEASE OF ACADEMICS THEMSELVES.

2) SEIDMAN SAID HE UNDERSTANDS MRS. LONGHI MAY NEED FUNDS TO HIRE LAWYER. HE OFFERS TO LET HER DRAW FROM BLOCKED K 3,000 ACCOUNT HE AND MRS. ANN SEIDMAN HAVE WITH COMMERCIAL BANK OF ZAMBIA IF THIS FEASIBLE. HE ALSO ASKS ABOUT W/W MRS. CLIFFE.

3) MURPHY CALLED ON BEHALF OF MRS. LONGHI'S PARENTS IN
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GEORGIA, WHO RECEIVED GARBLED MSG FROM DAUGHTER AND ARE

CONCERNED WITH HER W/W AND THAT OF CHILDREN.

4) WILEY (CHAIRMAN OF AFRICAN STUDIES PROGRAM AT UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN) SAYS HE RECEIVED CABLE FROM MRS. LONGHI ASKING FOR FUNDS. AMOUNT NOT SPECIFIED, HOWEVER, AND HE HOPES EMBASSY CAN FIND OUT HOW MUCH SHE NEEDS. WILEY ALSO

WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THERE IS ANY GENERAL FUND AVAILABLE TO ALL ACADEMIC DETAINEES FOR THEIR DEFENSE OR WHETHER EACH IS ON HIS OWN. HE ALSO SUGGESTS JOHN MWANAKATWE AND/OR LEO BARON AS TO LAWYERS WELL QUALIFIED TO DEFEND DETAINEES.

5) REQUEST EMBASSY ADVISE W/W OF ACADEMICS AND FAMILIES AND FINANCIAL STATUS OF MRS. LONGHI. INGERSOLL

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